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HERE COMES...

DAREDEVIL



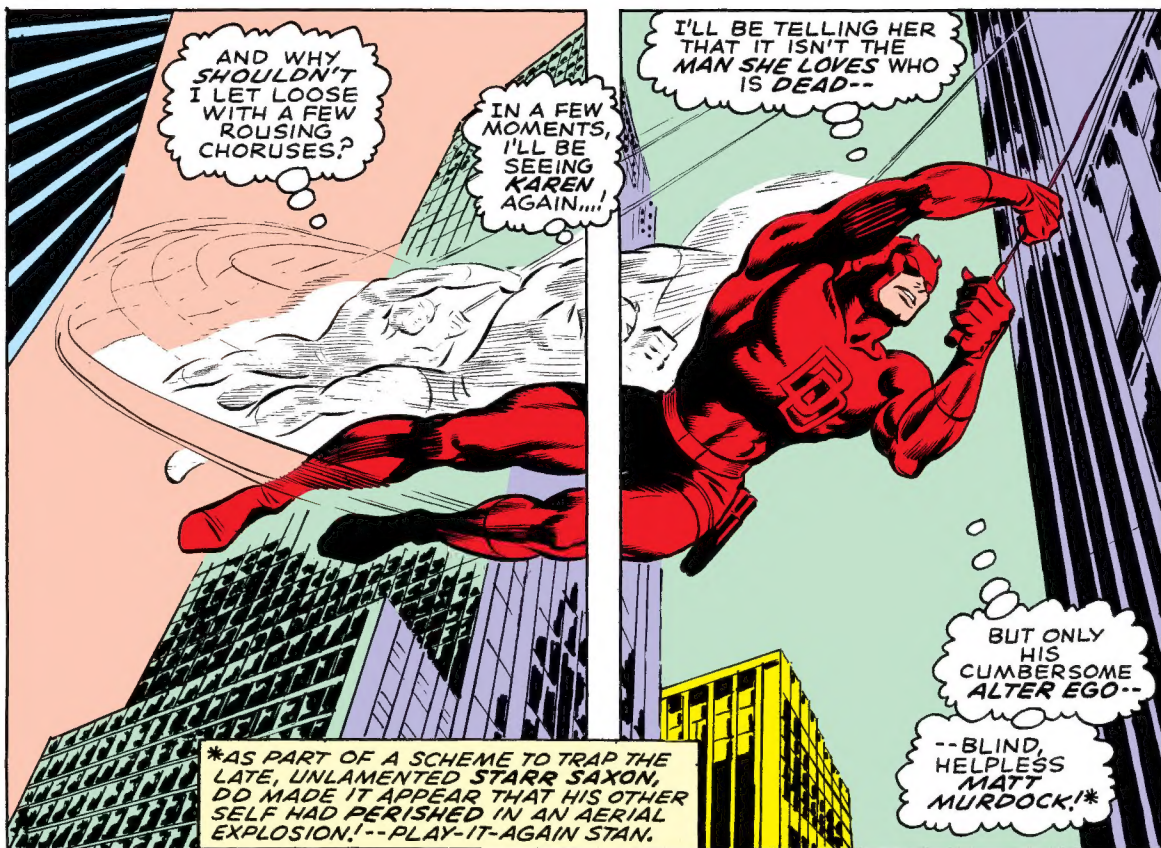
MARVEL
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DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!™

...AND DEATH CAME RIDING!









THANKS, MR. D.A.!

DON'T LET 'EM FAZE YOU, FELLA!

THEY'RE REALLY A GREAT BUNCH OF KIDS!

--AS WELL AS POTENTIAL VOTERS, OF COURSE!

~WHEW!~ WE MADE IT!

OF ALL THE DAYS FOR KAREN TO CUT OUT ON ME!

KAREN? MISS PAGE?

SHE'S THE ONE I CAME HERE TO SEE!



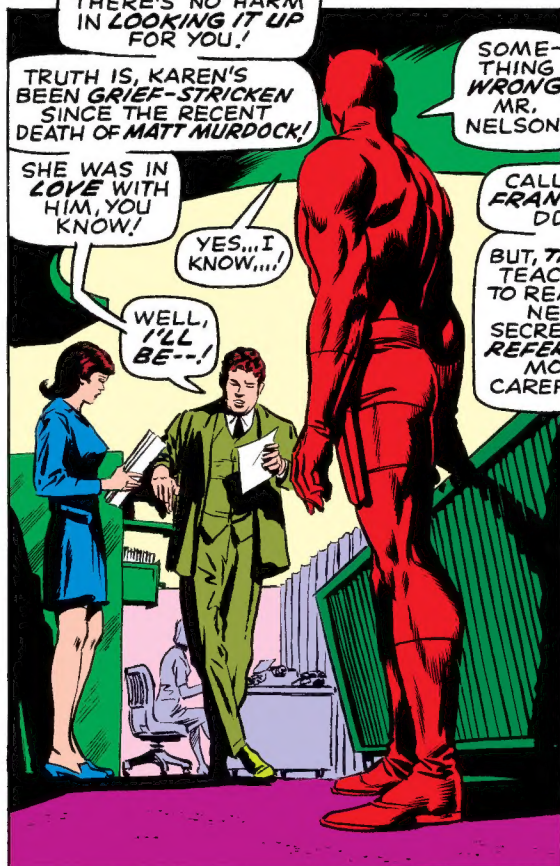
OH? I'M AFRAID I CAN'T HELP YOU THERE, FRIEND!

SHE ASKED FOR A FEW DAYS OFF-- SAID SHE WAS GOING HOME!

ANY IDEA WHERE "HOME" IS?

ACTUALLY, NO!

SAY--I THOUGHT THE QUIZ SHOWS WERE ALL ON TV!



OH WELL, I'M SURE THERE'S NO HARM IN LOOKING IT UP FOR YOU!

TRUTH IS, KAREN'S BEEN GRIEF-STRICKEN SINCE THE RECENT DEATH OF MATT MURDOCK!

SHE WAS IN LOVE WITH HIM, YOU KNOW!

YES...I KNOW...!

WELL, I'LL BE--!

SOMETHING WRONG, MR. NELSON?

CALL ME FRANKLIN, DD!

BUT, THIS'LL TEACH ME TO READ MY NEXT SECRETARY'S REFERENCES MORE CAREFULLY!



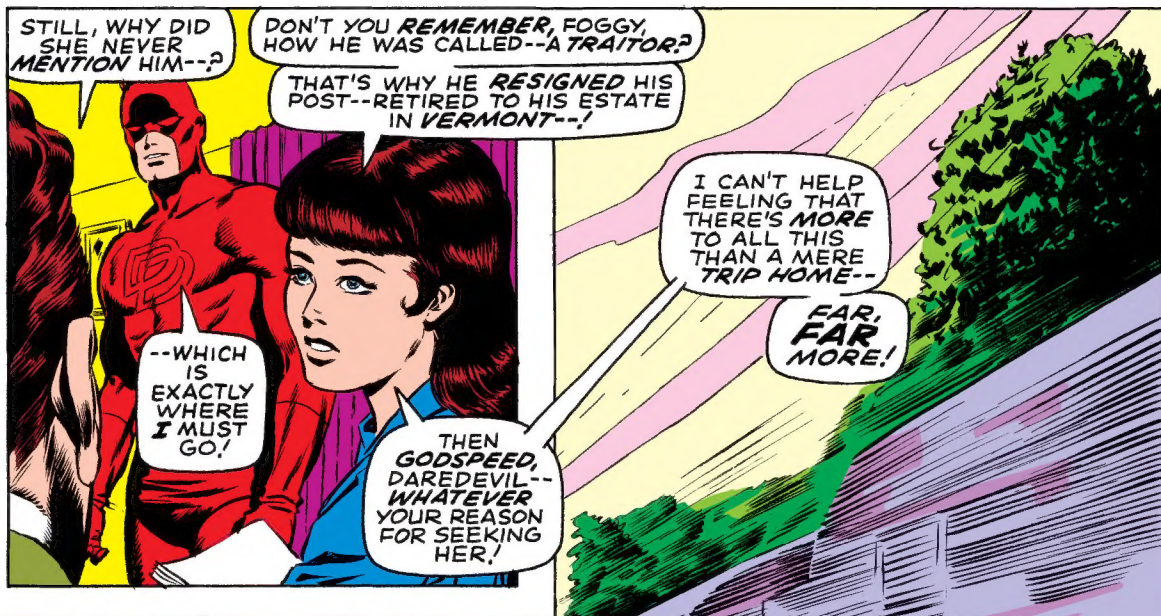
ACCORDING TO THIS, SHE'S THE DAUGHTER OF-- DR. PAXTON PAGE!

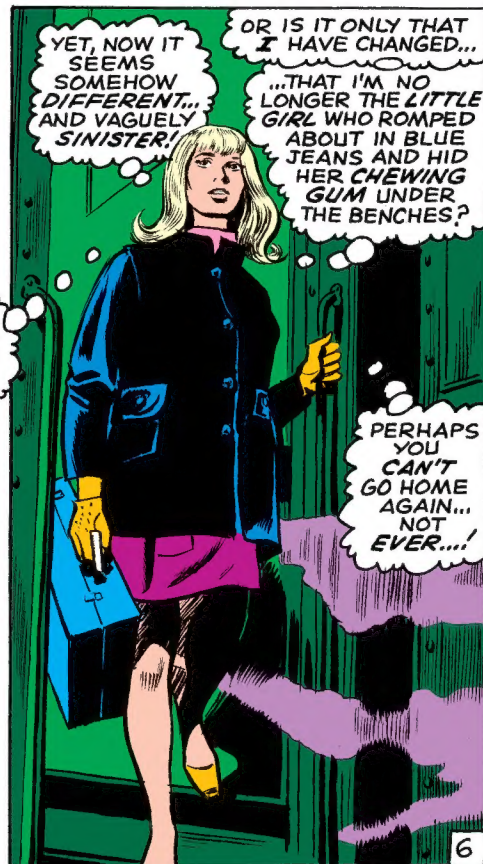
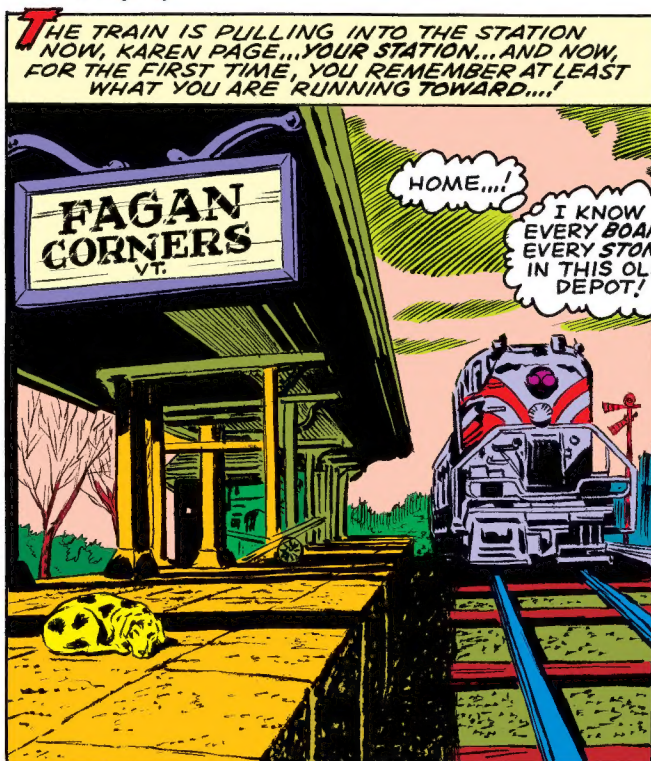
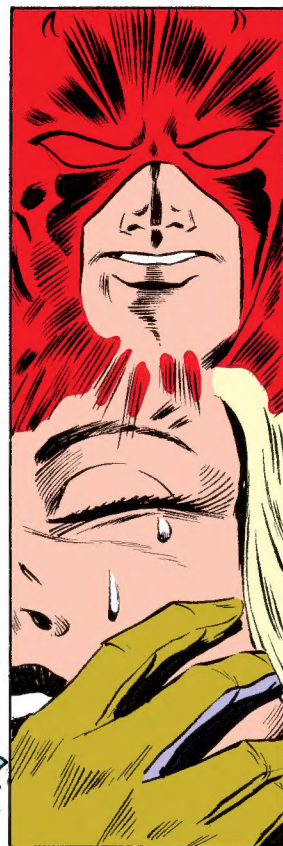
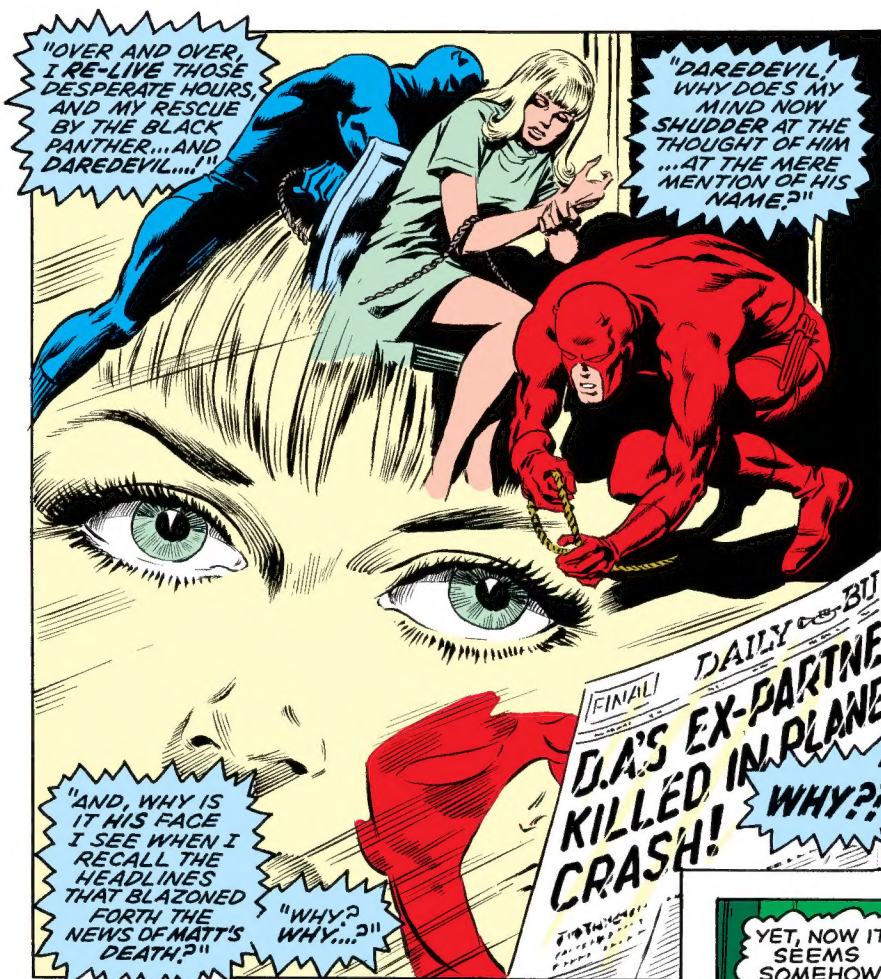
YOU MEAN --THE MAN WHO PERFECTED THE COBALT BOMB?!

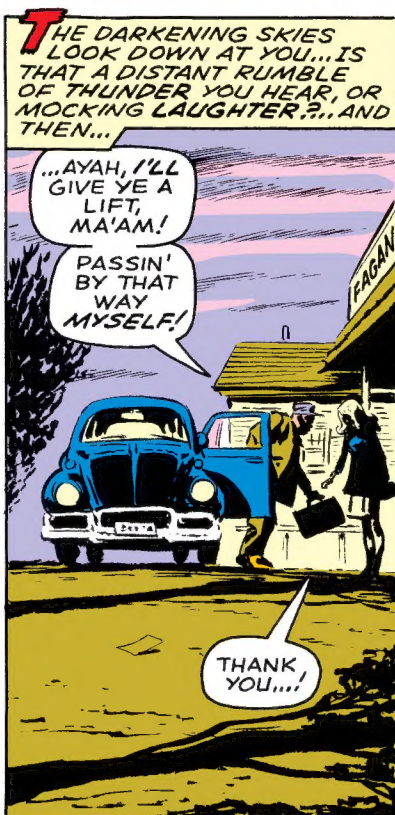
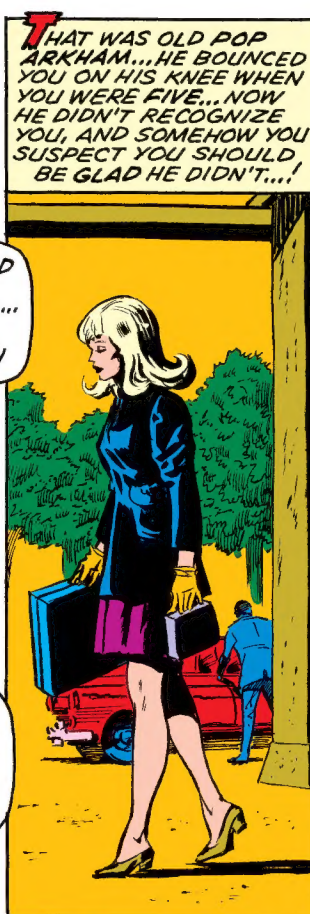
--AND WHO THEN REFUSED TO DIVULGE THE RESULTS OF HIS RESEARCH--

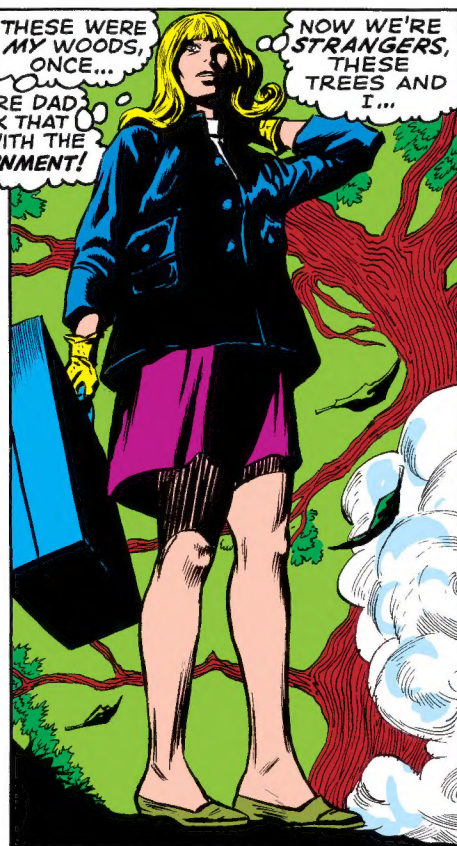
--EVEN UNDER PAIN OF CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS!

HMMM...I WONDER IF HE COULD USE A GOOD PATENT LAWYER WHEN MY TERM IS UP!?













DREAM,
MORTAL?

I AM NO DREAM
--BUT ONE WHO
HAUNTS THE
DARKENED
BYWAYS OF
REALITY--

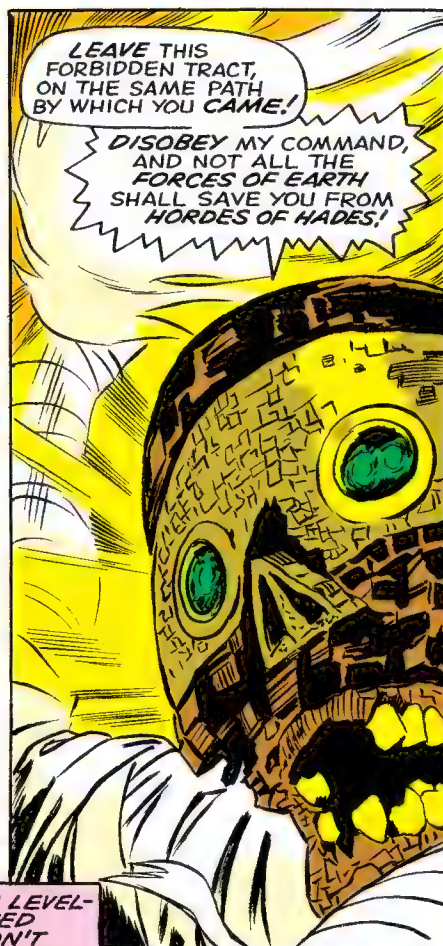
--AND WHO MAKES
OF THE WAKING
WORLD A PLACE MORE
FEARFUL THAN THE
DEEPEST NIGHTMARE!

I AM--
**DEATH'S-
HEAD!**



NOR DO I COME WITHOUT A PURPOSE!

I BRING A MESSAGE... FROM THE POWERS THAT WALK THE NIGHT!



LEAVE THIS FORBIDDEN TRACT, ON THE SAME PATH BY WHICH YOU CAME!

DISOBEY MY COMMAND, AND NOT ALL THE FORCES OF EARTH SHALL SAVE YOU FROM HORDES OF HADES!



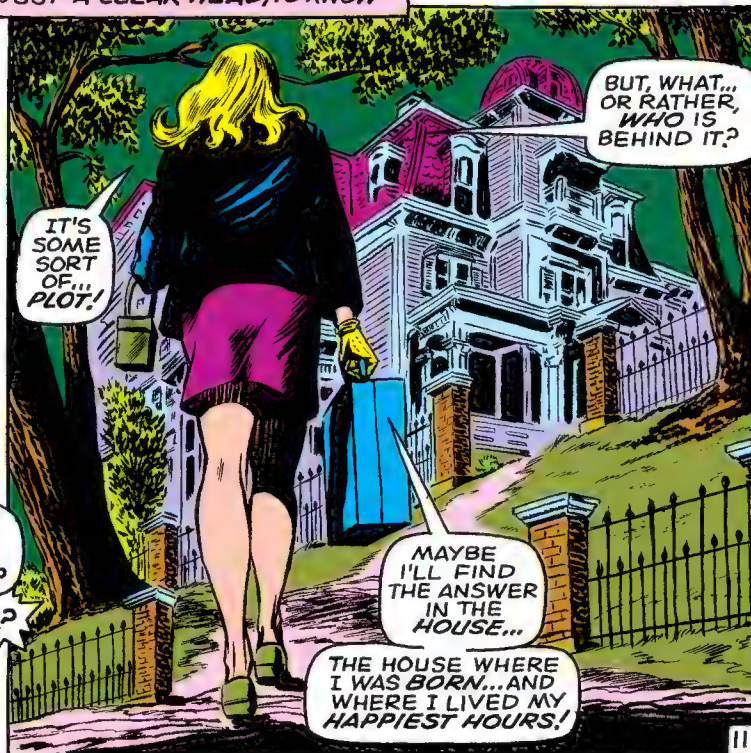
THAT BLAZING LIGHT AROUND HIM-- FLARING UP--

NOW IT'S GONE-- BUT SO IS-- HE--!

WHAT CAN IT ALL MEAN?

WHAT??

THINK, GIRL...YOU'RE A LEVEL-HEADED, EMANCIPATED FEMALE...AND YOU DON'T NEED A WOMAN'S CIGARETTE, JUST A CLEAR HEAD, TO KNOW--

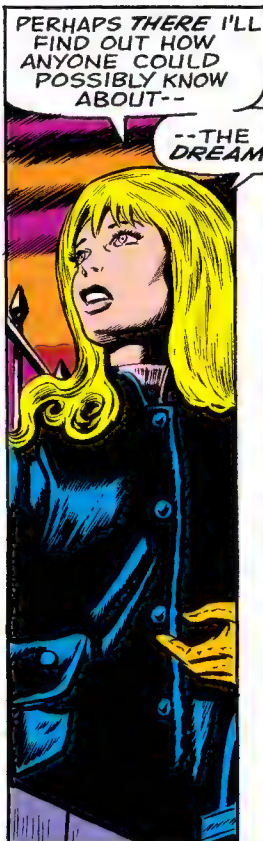


BUT, WHAT... OR RATHER, WHO IS BEHIND IT?

IT'S SOME SORT OF... PLOT!

MAYBE I'LL FIND THE ANSWER IN THE HOUSE...

THE HOUSE WHERE I WAS BORN...AND WHERE I LIVED MY HAPPIEST HOURS!



PERHAPS THERE I'LL FIND OUT HOW ANYONE COULD POSSIBLY KNOW ABOUT--

--THE DREAM!

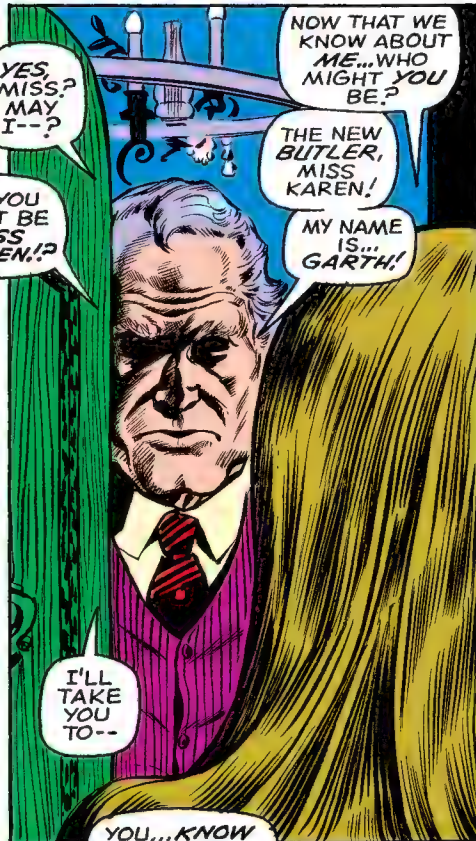


IT'LL BE WONDERFUL TO SEE MOTHER AND DAD AGAIN!

AND YET-- WHY DID I HESITATE-- BEFORE I DARED KNOCK--?

YES, MISS? MAY I--?

OH... YOU MUST BE MISS KAREN!?



NOW THAT WE KNOW ABOUT ME... WHO MIGHT YOU BE?

THE NEW BUTLER, MISS KAREN!

MY NAME IS... GARTH!

I'LL TAKE YOU TO--

YOU... KNOW IT ISN'T THAT, MY DARLING! IT'S--



--MRS. PAGE, YOUR DAUGHTER HAS ARRIVED!

MY APOLOGIES THAT THE GUEST ROOM IS NOT PREPARED!

I WAS NOT AWARE YOU WERE EXPECTING HER...!

I... I WASN'T!

BUT, NOW THAT SHE'S HERE... PERHAPS IT'S FOR THE BEST...!

MOTHER, DEAR... IS THAT ANY WAY TO GREET YOUR WAYWARD OFF-SPRING?

HAVE I TRULY DISGRACED THE FAMILY NAME SO THOROUGHLY--

--BY BECOMING SECRETARY TO A MAJOR CITY'S DISTRICT ATTORNEY?



I KNOW I'M FORBIDDEN TO TELL YOU... TO TELL ANYONE...! BUT I MUST...!

MOTHER --WHAT--?

WHAT'S WRONG?

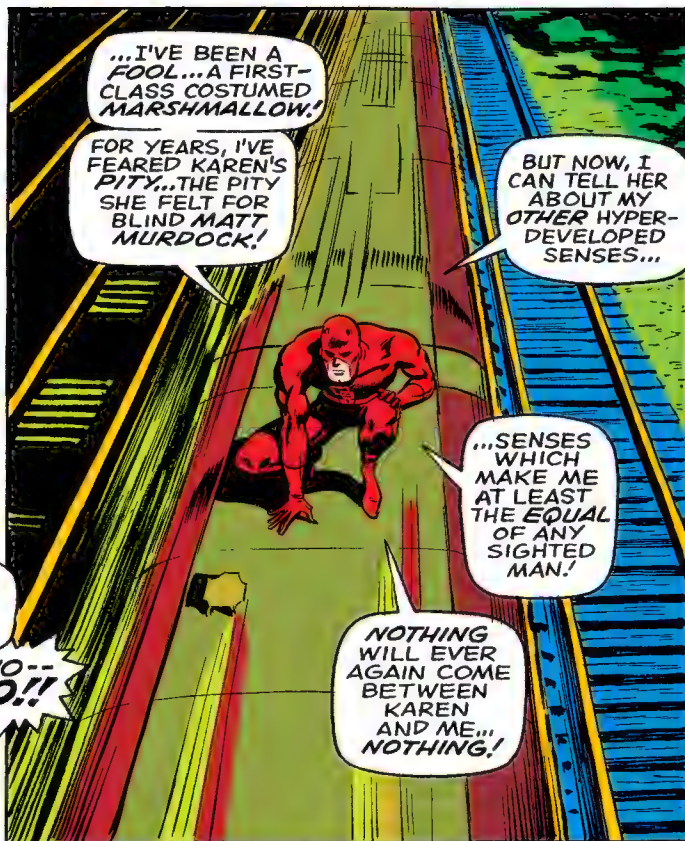
IT'S... YOUR FATHER...!



HE'S BEEN TAKEN FROM US...
CAPTURED FOR SOME
UNKNOWN PURPOSE... BY
A DREADFUL CREATURE CALLED...
DEATH'S-HEAD!

NO--
DON'T
SAY
IT--!

NO--
NO!!



...I'VE BEEN A
**FOOL...A FIRST-
CLASS COSTUMED
MARSHMALLOW!**

FOR YEARS, I'VE
FEARED KAREN'S
**PITY...THE PITY
SHE FELT FOR
BLIND MATT
MURDOCK!**

BUT NOW, I
CAN TELL HER
ABOUT MY
**OTHER HYPER-
DEVELOPED
SENSES...**

...SENSES
WHICH
MAKE ME
AT LEAST
THE **EQUAL**
OF ANY
SIGHTED
MAN!

**NOTHING
WILL EVER
AGAIN COME
BETWEEN
KAREN
AND ME...
NOTHING!**



**FAGAN
CORNERS...
THIS IS
WHERE OL'
DD GETS OFF!**

AND, IT
LOOKS
LIKE THE
JOKE'S
ON ME!

...SHOULDN'T TAKE
ME LONG TO REACH
KAREN'S HOME!

I RODE
THE LAST
FEW MILES
ON TOP...TO
AVOID ANY
MORE
**AUTOGRAPH-
SEEKERS!**

BUT,
COMPARED
TO THIS
PLACE, A
**GHOST
TOWN**
WOULD BE
FUN CITY!

CAN'T
SHAKE OFF
THIS
**UNEASY
FEELING,
THOUGH!**

FOLKS BACK
AT THE DEPOT
WEREN'T
EXACTLY
STANDING IN
LINE TO GIVE
ME
DIRECTIONS....!



**UH
OH!**

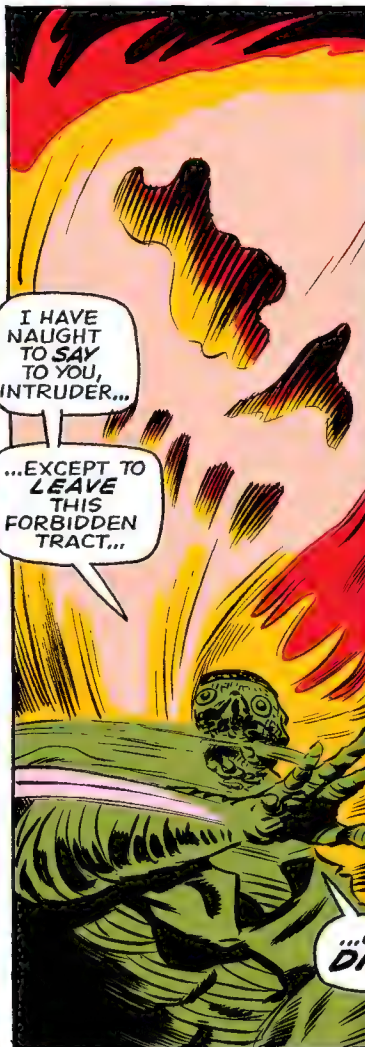
WHAT'S
THAT
**GLOW UP
AHEAD...
ON THAT
HILLOCK?**

IT'S
MOVING...
COMING
CLOSER...

CLOSER...!



GOOD LORD!



I HAVE
NAUGHT TO SAY
TO YOU,
INTRUDER...

...EXCEPT TO
LEAVE
THIS
FORBIDDEN
TRACT...

...OR
DIE!!

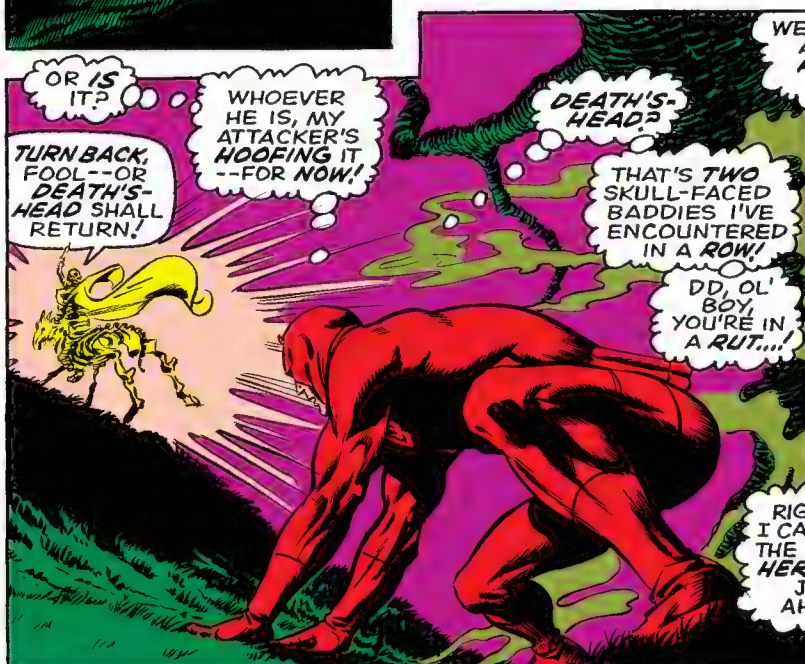


**SHEESH! THAT FAR-OUT
FIREBALL WOULD HAVE
MADE MY DECISION
FOR ME--**

--IF I WEREN'T A
FAST MAN WITH AN
OVERHANGING
BRANCH!

BUT NOW,
IT'S DD'S
INNING....!

FWOSH!



OR IS
IT?

TURN BACK,
FOOL--OR
DEATH'S-
HEAD SHALL
RETURN!

WHOEVER
HE IS, MY
ATTACKER'S
HOOFING IT
--FOR NOW!

DEATH'S-
HEAD?

THAT'S TWO
SKULL-FACED
BADDIES I'VE
ENCOUNTERED
IN A ROW!

DD, OL'
BOY,
YOU'RE IN
A RUT...

WELL, I'LL WORRY
ABOUT WHAT
HIS GAME IS
LATER!

RIGHT NOW,
I CAN SENSE
THE HOUSE...
HER HOUSE...
JUST
AHEAD!

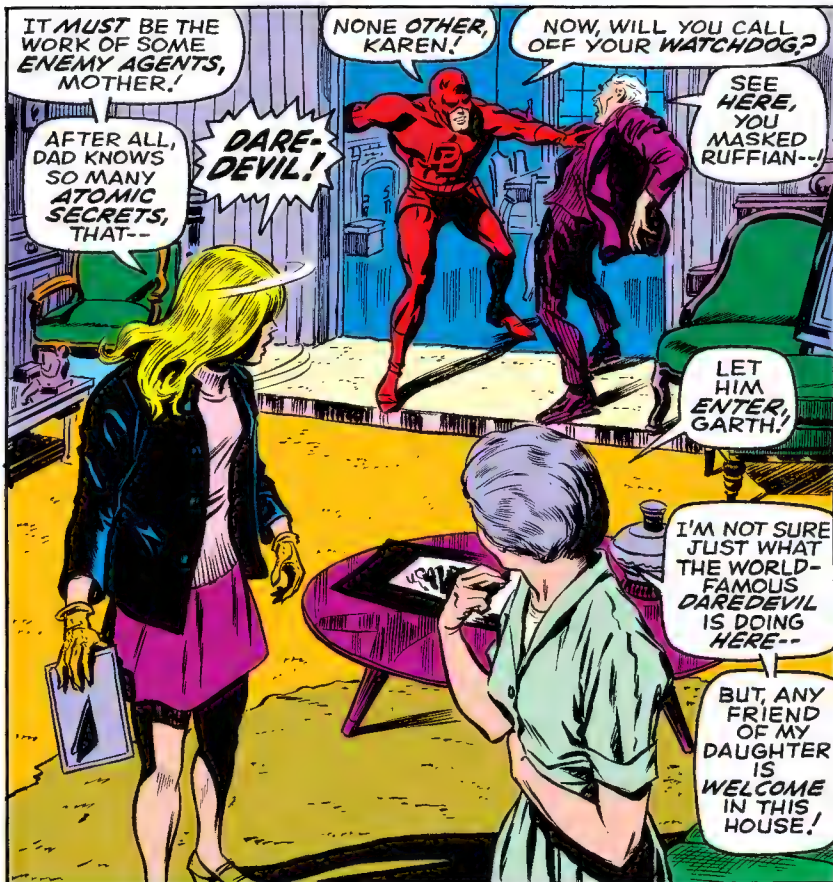
IF ANYTHING
HAS HAPPENED
TO KAREN--
NO! I DON'T
DARE THINK
ABOUT IT--!



...IT WAS AS IF HE JUST **VANISHED**, KAREN...FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH!

HE WENT OUT... FOR A SHORT WALK...AS HE OFTEN DID IN THE EVENING...

AND, HE NEVER RETURNED!!



IT MUST BE THE WORK OF SOME **ENEMY AGENTS**, MOTHER!

AFTER ALL, DAD KNOWS SO MANY **ATOMIC SECRETS**, THAT--

DARE-DEVIL!

NONE OTHER, KAREN!

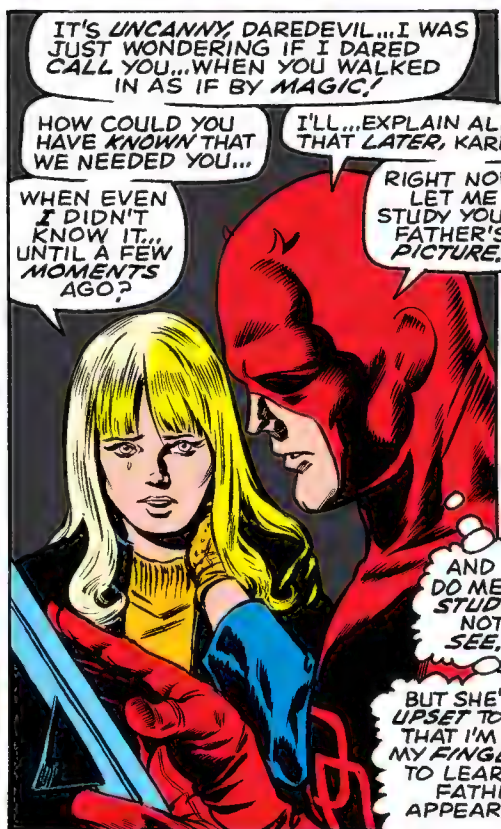
NOW, WILL YOU CALL OFF YOUR **WATCHDOG**?

SEE **HERE**, YOU MASKED RUFFIAN--!

LET HIM ENTER, GARTH!

I'M NOT SURE JUST WHAT THE **WORLD-FAMOUS DAREDEVIL** IS DOING **HERE**--

BUT, ANY FRIEND OF MY DAUGHTER IS **WELCOME** IN THIS HOUSE!



IT'S **UNCANNY**, DAREDEVIL...I WAS JUST WONDERING IF I DARED CALL YOU...WHEN YOU WALKED IN AS IF BY **MAGIC**!

HOW COULD YOU HAVE **KNOWN** THAT WE NEEDED YOU...

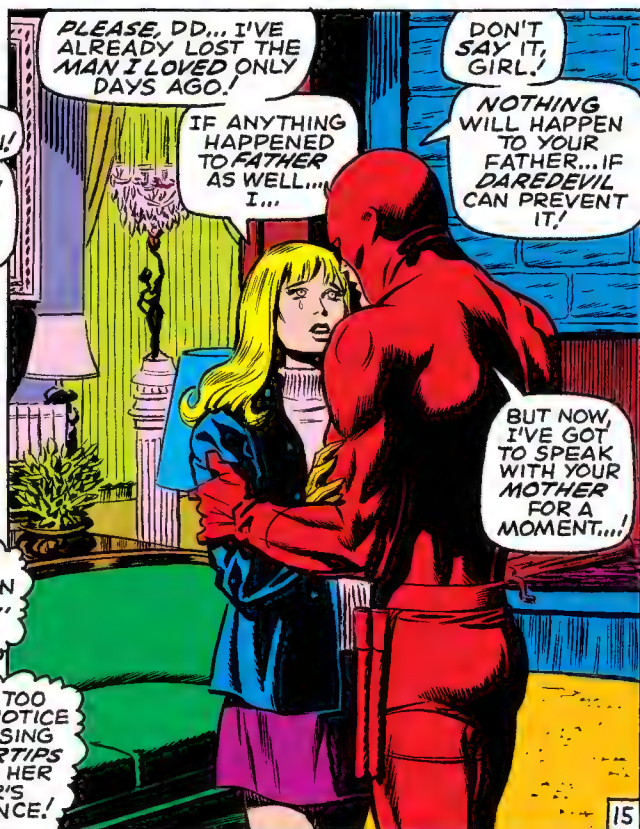
WHEN EVEN I DIDN'T KNOW IT... UNTIL A FEW **MOMENTS** AGO?

I'LL...EXPLAIN ALL THAT **LATER**, KAREN!

RIGHT NOW, LET ME STUDY YOUR FATHER'S **PICTURE**!

AND I DO MEAN **STUDY**... NOT **SEE**!

BUT SHE'S TOO **UPSET** TO NOTICE THAT I'M USING MY **FINGERTIPS** TO LEARN HER FATHER'S **APPEARANCE**!



PLEASE, DD... I'VE ALREADY LOST THE **MAN I LOVED** ONLY DAYS AGO!

IF ANYTHING HAPPENED TO FATHER AS WELL... I...

DON'T SAY IT, GIRL!

NOTHING WILL HAPPEN TO YOUR FATHER...IF **DAREDEVIL** CAN PREVENT IT!

BUT NOW, I'VE GOT TO SPEAK WITH YOUR **MOTHER** FOR A **MOMENT**...!



HAVE YOU ANY **IDEAS...** ANY **SUSPICIONS** ABOUT YOUR HUSBAND'S CAPTORS,?

I RECEIVED... THIS **NOTE!**

IT'S FROM SOMEONE CALLED... **DEATH'S-HEAD!**



HMMM... SOMEONE IS PLAYING **GAMES,** MRS. PAGE!

BUT **DEADLY** GAMES... WITH **HUMAN LIFE** AS THE STAKES!

MRS. PAGE--
ABANDON
PAGE HOUSE
FOREVER--AND
TELL NO ONE
OF YOUR HUSBAND'S
DISAPPEARANCE--
OR HE
DIES!

DEATH'S-HEAD



NIGHT FALLS ON PAGE HOUSE...

...NIGHT WHICH BRINGS AT LEAST A FITFUL SLEEP TO ITS INHABITANTS...



...**ALL** SAVE ONE!

IF WE'RE DEALING WITH A **GHOST,** AT LEAST HE'S **LITERATE!**

BUT, I'VE GONE OVER THE **HOUSE** AND **GROUNDS** THOROUGHLY, AND--

--AND FOUND **NOTHING,** FOOL, BUT YOUR OWN **DOOM!**

WHAT--?

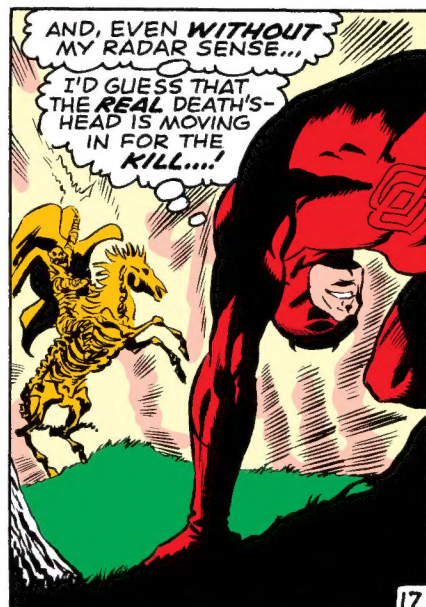
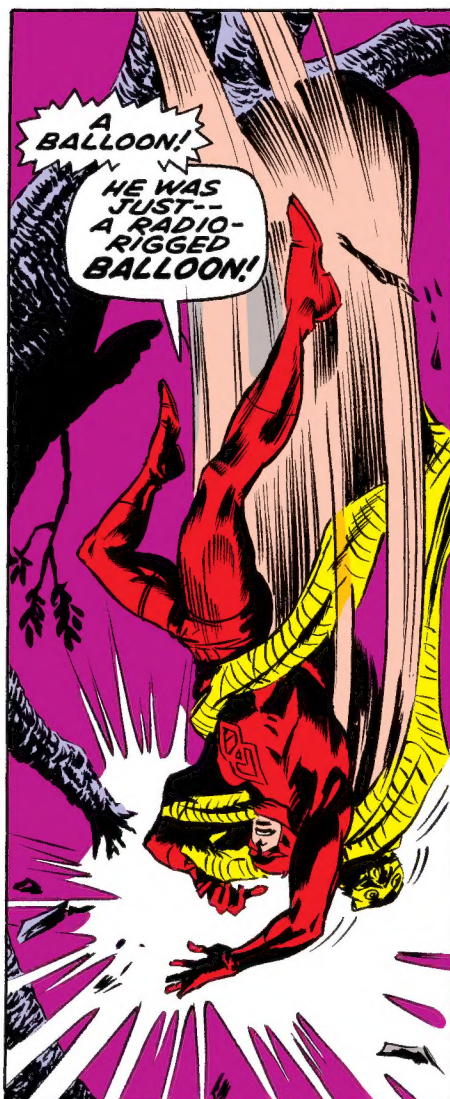


MR. **DEATH'S-HEAD,** I PRESUME,?

IF YOU TRULY BELIEVE SO, MORTAL...

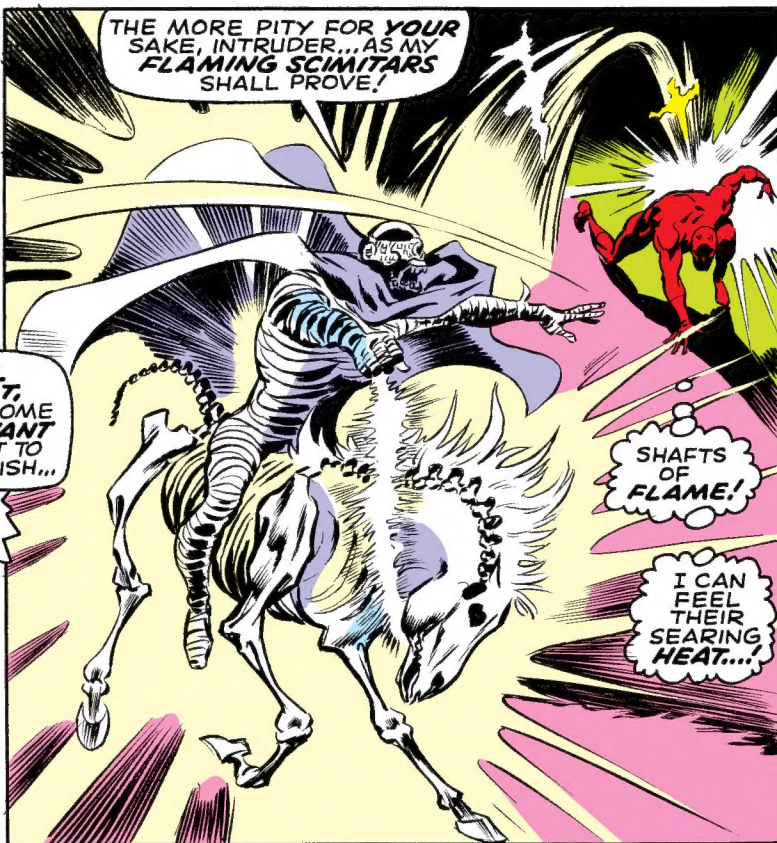
BUT--STANDING ON **AIR!** IT'S SOME KIND OF **TRICK--!**

...TRY TO APPREHEND ME... AND PROVE YOUR WRETCHED THEORY!





ALL RIGHT, TOOTHsome ...YOU WANT A FIGHT TO THE FINISH... YOU'VE GOT IT!



I CAN'T GET CLOSE TO HIM, WHILE HE PRANCES AROUND ON THAT SKELETAL STALLION!

